

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance dated July 13, 2006 indicated that claims 1-28 are allowed. Applicant wishes to make minor amendments to the pending claims and add new claims 29-31. An RCE accompanies this amendment submitted after receipt of the Notice of Allowance.

Claims 1 and 15 are amended to shorten the preambles. Claims 1-5, 7, 10, 15 and 24 are amended to remove reference numerals, which has no effect on the scope of the claims. See MPEP § 608.01(m). Claims 1-5, 7 and 10 are amended to delete usage of the phrase "step of." The preambles of claims 15-28 are amended to refer to an apparatus. Support for the amendments to claims 15-28 can be found at least page 9, lines 22-25, where it is mentioned that the control means 2 of Figure 1 may combine the features of a Serving GPRS Support Node and a Base Station Controller, and therefore may be a controller. New claims 29 and 30 are respectively similar to claims 15 and 16, but are written in means plus function form. New claim 31 is directed to a system.

All amendments and new claims are supported by the specification as originally filed. New independent claims 29 and 31 contain limitations similar to those recited in independent claims 1 and 15, and are patentable for at least the reasons discussed in the Notice of Allowability mailed July 13, 2006. New claim 30 depends from claim 29, and is patentable at least in view of its dependencies.

It is believed that all of the claims of the application are in condition for allowance and their passage to issue is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 23-0442 for any fee deficiency required to submit this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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